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SUBJECT: JULY 29 REFERENDUM IN THESSALONIKI

1. BOTH THESSALONIKI MORNING PAPERS OF JULY 30 CARRIED BANNER HEADLINES ON REFERENDUM AND ALLEGED 82 PERCENT VOTE FOR REGIME. VOTE IN THESSALONIKI NOMOS ACCORDING TO INCOMPLETE RETURNS FROM 270 OF 439 CITY PRECINCTS AND 140 OF 214 IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS WAS 69.6 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF REGIME. INCOMPLETE RETURNS FROM OTHER NORTHERN GREEK TOWNS AND COUNTRYSIDE INDICATE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER YES VOTE IN THOSE AREAS. BOTH PAPERS ALSO INCLUDE POST-ELECTION STATEMENT FROM ATHENS BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER KANELLOPOULOS CHALLENGING LEGALITY OF ANNOUNCED RESULTS AND SPECULATING HE MAY TAKE ISSUE TO SUPREME COURT.

2. COMMENT: VOTING IN THESSALONIKI WAS GENERALLY ORDERLY AND NO IRREGULARITIES HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. FEW REPORTED AND OBSERVED INSTANCES OF SHOVING AND UNRULY BEHAVIOR SEEMED TO BE RESULT OF IMPATIENCE WITH LONG LINES AND ANXIETY OF EARLY MORNING VOTERS TO LEAVE CITY SOONEST FOR NEARBY BEACHES. CONGEN OFFICER PASSING THROUGH NEARBY VILLAGES NOTED THAT VOTING THERE ALSO WAS ORDERLY AND RESTRAINED AND GENERALLY FINISHED BY NOON. IN GENERAL, JULY 29 HAD APPEARANCE OF NORMAL SUMMER SUNDAY AND THERE LITTLE EVIDENCE OF TENSION OR UNUSUAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. FOR WHATEVER REASON, VOTER

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TURNOUT HERE SEEMED NEARLY TOTAL, EVEN AMONG THOSE MOST VOCAL

IN OPPOSITION TO REGIME. CONGEN WILL POUCH FULL ELECTION
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